



States & The Decennial Census

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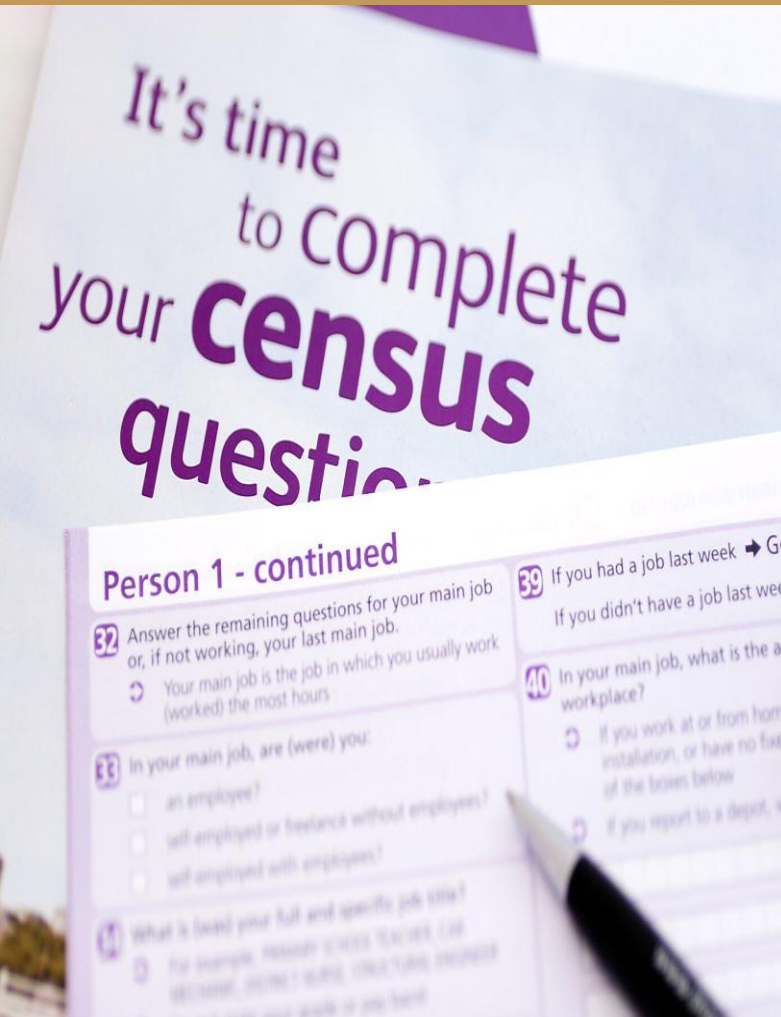


We will cover:

- Why the Census matters for states
- Actions states can take
- Questions yet to be answered



How Can Your State Help the Decennial Census?



2025: Legislatures appoint Census liaisons

2026: [Block Boundary Suggestion Project](#)

2026 onward: [Boundary and Annexation Survey](#)

2027: [Local Update of Census Addresses \(LUCA\)](#)

2028: [Voting District Project](#)

What is Your State Already Doing?

- **Know your Redistricting Data Program liaison**
 - Mass. Secretary of State William Galvin
- **Know who works with data**
 - UMass Donahue Institute, Population Estimates Program
 - Legislative staff?
 - Executive staff?
- **Legislative hearings**

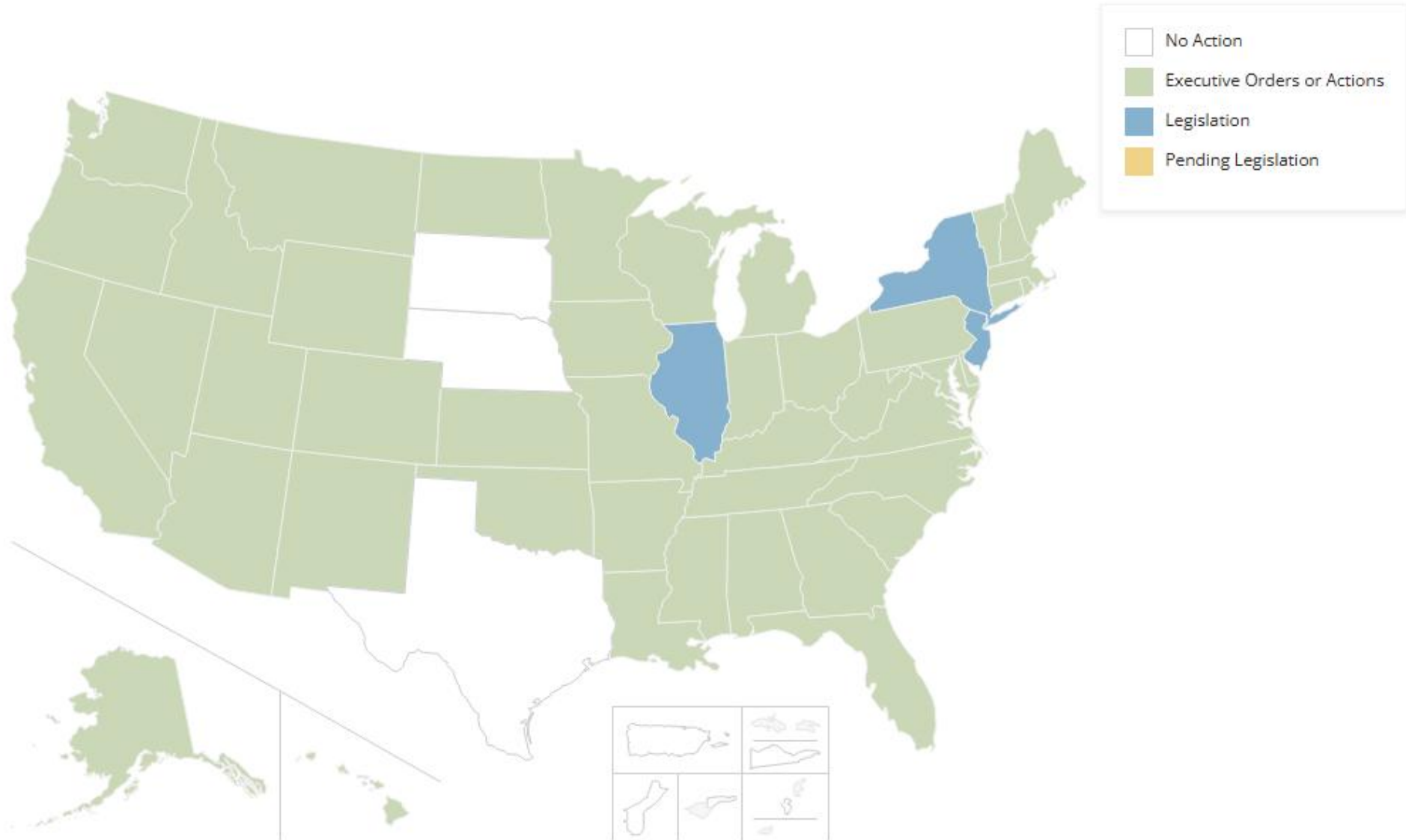


What Additional Steps Can Your State Take?



- **Share information through all networks**
- **Collaboration with localities**
 - Funding: LUCA participation, complete count efforts and more
 - Technical and logistical support: Redistricting Data Program awareness, instructions and data collection
- **“Get Out the Count” options**
 - Complete Count Committees at state and/or local levels
 - Allocate resources to localities or community groups

2020 Complete Count Commissions or Committees



Still to Come...

- Who will be the new director of the bureau?
- What will the budget for the bureau be?
- How will the bureau keep data private?
- Will there be a citizenship question in 2030?



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